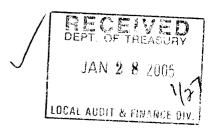
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GRAYLING TOWNSHIP
CRAWFORD COUNTY
AUDIT REPORT
JUNE 30, 2004



Michigan Deptartment of Treasury 496 (2-04) Auditing Procedures Report

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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

Grayling Township Board Grayling Township Grayling, Mi. 49738

I have audited the accompanying governmental and fiduciary financial statements of Grayling Township as of and for the year ended June 30, 2004, as listed in the table of contents. These financial statements are the responsibility of the Township's management. My responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on my audit.

I have conducted my audit in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards accepted in the United States of America. Those standards require that I plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall financial statement presentation. I believe that my audit provides a reasonable basis for my opinion.

The township has adopted the required financial statement format of the Michigan Department of Treasury under the provisions of GASB Statement No. 34. The township elected not to include Management's Discussion and Analysis and not to prepare government wide financial statements as required by GASB No. 34. The township did not allocate to the employee fringe benefits, payroll taxes, and township insurance to the activities as required by GASB No. 34.

In my opinion, except for the departures from GASB No. 34, as explained in the preceding paragraph, that result in an incomplete presentation, the governmental and fiduciary financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the governmental and fiduciary funds of Grayling Township as of June 30, 2004, and the revenue, expenditures and changes in fund balances in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

My audit was made for the purpose of forming an opinion on the basic financial statements taken as a whole. The supplemental information is presented for purposes of additional analysis and is not a required part of the basic financial statements. Such information has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the basic financial statements and, in my opinion, is fairly stated in relation to the basic financial statements taken as a whole.

Sincerely,

Muckey Long, C.P.A Mickey Perez

Certified Public Accountant

December 28, 2004

GRAYLING TOWNSHIP GOVERNMENTAL FUND BALANCE SHEET JUNE 30, 2004

	GENERAL FUND	 PROVEMENT REVOLVING FUND	F	CAPITAL PROJECTS FUND	
ASSETS Cash and Cash Equivalents Investments Delinquent taxes Due from State of Michigan Due from Treasurer's tax accounts Special assessments-roads	\$ 5,145 360,684 983 36,341 3,104 102,615	\$ 158,446	\$	25,772	
TOTAL ASSETS	\$ 508,872	\$ <u>158,446</u>	\$	<u>25,772</u>	
LIABILITIES Accounts Payable	\$ 	\$	\$	24,792	
TOTAL LIABILITIES				<u>24,792</u>	
FUND BALANCES Reserved for Capital Projects National Forest Roads Unreserved	\$ <u>508,872</u>	\$ 13,602 <u>144,844</u>	\$	980	
Total Fund Balances	\$ <u>508,872</u>	\$ <u>158,446</u>	\$	<u>980</u>	

NET ASSETS OF GOVERNMENTAL ACTIVITIES

IQUOR LAW IFORCEMENT FUND	GOV	TOTAL ERNMENTAL FUNDS				
\$ 4,654	\$	35,571 519,130 983 36,341				
		3,104 <u>102,615</u>				
\$ <u>4,654</u>	\$	697,744				
\$ 	\$	24,792				
		<u>24,792</u>				
\$						
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	\$	672,952				

GRAYLING TOWNSHIP GOVERNMENTAL FUND STATEMENT OF REVENUE, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2004

DEVENUES.	GENERAL		PROVEMI EVOLVIN FUND	CAPITAL PROJECTS FUND
REVENUES Taxes and Penalties Licenses and permits State grants Charges for services Interest Other	\$ 256,548 113,973 437,689 116,655 3,932 43,926	\$	3,030 2,814	\$
TOTAL REVENUES	972,723		<u>5,844</u>	
EXPENDITURES Current General government Public Safety Public Works Community and Economic Development Development Recreational Other Capital Outlay TOTAL EXPENDITURES	\$ 371,700 259,918 201,112 14,275 35,463 145,809	\$		\$ <u>401,735</u>
EXCESS OF REVENUES OVER (UNDER EXPENDITURES)	(55,554)	-	5,844	<u>401,735</u> (401,735)
FUND BALANCE JULY 1, 2003 FUND BALANCE JUNE 30, 2004	\$ <u>564,426</u> <u>508,872</u>		52,602 58,446	\$ <u>402,715</u> <u>980</u>
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QUOR LAW FORCEMENT FUND	TOTAL GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS
\$ 1,693 	\$ 256,548 113,973 440,719 116,655 6,746 43,926
\$ 1,080	\$ 371,700 259,918 201,112
<u>1,080</u>	14,275 35,463 145,809 <u>401,735</u> 832,730
613	145,837
4,041	717,028
\$ <u>4.654</u>	\$ <u>862,865</u>

GRAYLING TOWNSHIP FIDUCIARY FUNDS - STATEMENT OF NET ASSETS JUNE 30, 2004

ASSETS	TREASURER'S TAX COLLECTION ACCOUNT	TREASURER'S TRUST AND AGENCY ACCOUNT
Cash - checking	<u>\$2,680</u>	<u>\$636</u>
Total Assets	<u>\$2,680</u>	<u>\$636</u>
LIABILITIES Due to general fund Payable to other governments	\$2,680	\$424 <u>212</u>
TOTAL LIABILITIES	<u>\$2,680</u>	<u>\$636</u>

NOTE A: ENTITY

The Township of Grayling was formed prior to 1875 under general township laws and covers an area of approximately 180 square miles in Crawford County, Michigan. The township operates under an elected Board comprised of a supervisor, clerk, treasurer and two trustees and it provides services in many areas including fire protection, cemetery, compactor station, public road improvements, street lighting, township park, community development and general administrative services.

Grayling Township contracts with the City of Grayling to provide fire protection and cemetery space for township residents. The financial statements of these city funds are not included in this report.

NOTE B: SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The Grayling Township board adopted the new statement format of the Michigan Department of Treasury minimum requirements under the provisions of GASB No. 34. The statements do not include Management's Discussion and Analysis, and Government -Wide Financial Statements. The Township continued to budget employee payroll taxes, fringe benefits and general insurance expenses under the functional category of Other. These expenditures are not allocated to the functional activities as required by GASB No. 34.

FUND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Fund financial statements are provided for governmental funds. The individual governmental funds are reported in separate columns as follows:

General Fund - This Fund is used to account for all financial transactions except those required to be accounted for in another fund. The fund includes the general operating expenditures of the local unit. Revenues are derived primarily from property taxes, state grants, and other intergovernmental revenues.

Improvement Revolving Fund was established by the Grayling Township Board to fund future improvements as determined annually by the township board.

Capital Projects Fund - This fund was established to account for the construction of fire hall financed by a installment agreement with a local contractor and assigned to Citizens Bank.

Liquor Law Enforcement Fund was established by regulatory provisions to account for liquor fees received to be used for the enforcement of the laws of the State of Michigan.

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NOTE B: SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

All governmental funds utilize the modified accrual basis of accounting. Modifications in such method from the accrual basis are as follows:

- Property taxes and other revenues that are both measurable and available are recorded when earned. Properties are assessed as of December 31 and the related property taxes become a lien on December 1 of the following year at which time the revenue is recorded. Grant revenue is recorded when required expenditures are made by the township. Other revenue is recorded when received.
- 2. Payment for inventoriable types of supplies and prepaid expenses are recorded as expenditures when paid.
- 3. Under township employment policies adopted by the township board, employees are allowed to accumulate vacation and sick leave which is payable upon termination of employment. Sick leave in excess of 210 hours is paid each year in June. The value of these benefits which had vested as of June 30, 2004 was \$32,837. The liability will be paid from future revenues and is not recorded in the general fund.
- Investments, which consist of certificates of deposits, money market accounts and a
 Treasury Portfolio income trust which is exclusively United States Treasury obligations
 are stated at cost which approximates market value.
- 5. Proceeds from loans are recorded in the year received. Payments of principal and interest are reported as expenditures in the year due.

The statement of fiduciary net assets funds are used to account for assets held in trust as an agent for other governmental units. The township has the Treasurer's Tax Collection Fund and the Trust and Agency Fund. The financial activity of the fiduciary funds is limited to collection of amounts which are subsequently returned and paid to third parties and, accordingly, are limited to cash transactions.

NOTE C: STEWARDSHIP, COMPLIANCE AND ACCOUNTABILITY

P. A. 621 of 1978, Section 18 (11) as amended, provides that a local unit shall not incur expenditures in excess of amount appropriated. Annual budgets of the township are adopted for each fund at the function and department level. During the year ended June 30, 2004, the township did not incur expenditures in excess of amounts appropriated for each department.

The township elected not to establish a separate Building Department Fund, since the fee structure is not intended to recover the full cost of the enforcement of the building codes.

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NOTE D: COMMON BANK ACCOUNT

The township has a common bank account for the Trust and Agency Fund and the Liquor Law Enforcement Fund. The equity of each fund in the common bank account as of June 30, 2004, was as follows:

Trust and Agency Fund \$ 636 Liquor Law Enforcement Fund \$ 5.290

NOTE E: PENSION PLAN

The township has a defined contribution pension plan covering substantially all of its employees. The plan is funded fully by the purchase of investments at the election of each employee with 100% vesting immediately. The pension expense for the year ending June 30, 2004 was \$19,994. Manulife Financial is the trustee and custodian of the funds.

NOTE F: DEPOSITS AND INVESTMENTS

The township's June 30, 2004 bank balances for checking and investments were \$554,576 of which \$225,534 was covered by federal depository insurance, the remaining \$329,042 of cash were uninsured and uncollaterlized. The township invests its general fund checking account in a sweep account at the bank which had a balance of \$184,155 as of June 30, 2004. The collected funds of this account are deposited or withdrawn on a daily basis by the bank in an income trust fund which invests exclusively in U. S. Treasury obligations. The moneys in this account are not covered by federal depository insurance. All other township investments are in a money market account and in certificates of deposits at local banks. State statutes prohibit security in the form of collateral, an investment policy which is in conformity with state statutes and has obtained the necessary signed statements from each depository bank.

NOTE G: DUE FROM STATE OF MICHIGAN

The township received a grant of \$230,000 from the Michigan Department of Natural Resources for the development of a township park with playground, pavilion, and trails. The township was required to match with \$125,000 of money from the general fund to be completed August, 2003. The project was not completed as proposed. Total grant was \$112,968 for the two fiscal years ending June 30, 2004. The township recorded \$36,341 due from the State of Michigan for qualified capital expenditures as of the grant deadline.

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NOTE H: CAPITAL PROJECTS FUND

The township has an agreement with the City of Grayling to provide fire protection. In 2003, the township agreed to provide 50% of the funds required to construct a new fire station for the joint use of each governmental unit. The city manages the Fire Department with the township contributing funds based on an operating agreement approved by each municipality. The township signed an installment purchase agreement and promissory note with AuSable Construction to build the fire station for \$510,000. The installment agreement and promissory note with AuSable Construction was assigned to Citizens Bank for \$510,000 which was deposited in an escrow account with Crawford County Abstract & Title of Grayling, Michigan. As of June 30, 2004, \$980 remained in the escrow account for final construction costs.

NOTE I: CONTRACT PAYABLE

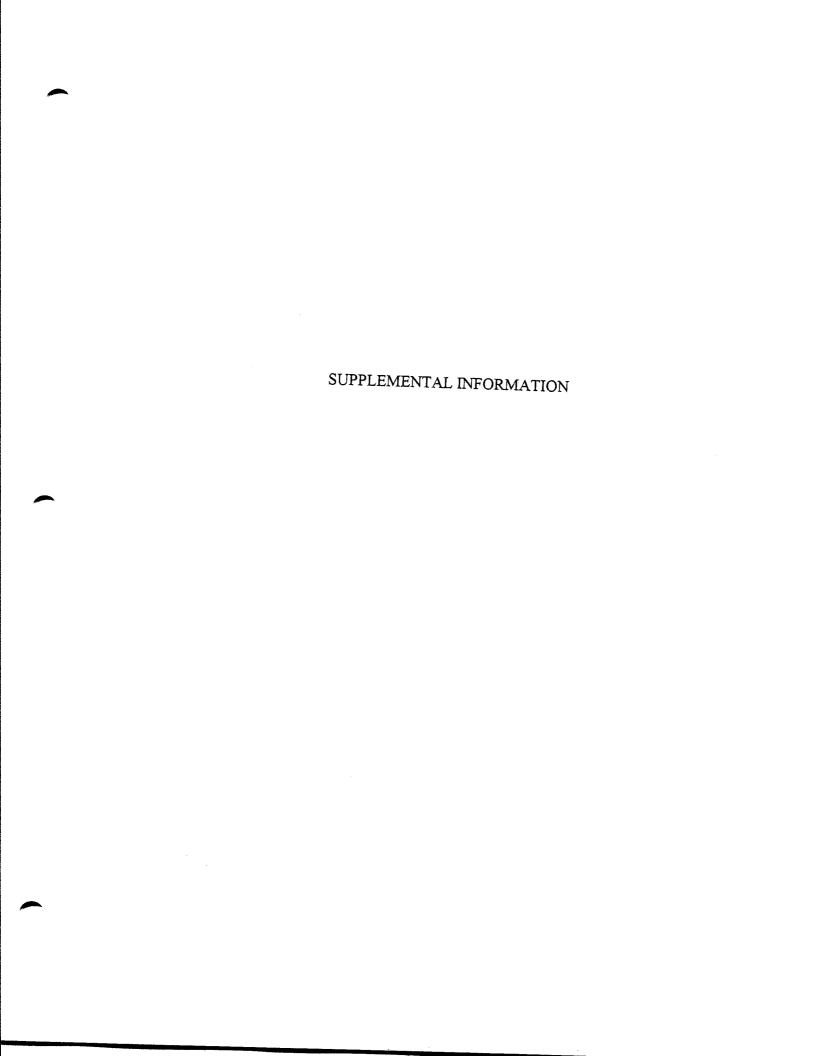
The contract assigned by AuSable Construction Co. to Citizens Bank for \$510,000 requires quarterly payments of \$11,041 including interest at 3.55% with a balloon payment due June 27, 2010 of \$316,778. The payments are budgeted in the Fire Department of the general fund. Scheduled payments are as follows:

Year EndedPaymentJune 30, 2004\$ 44,163June 30, 200544,163June 30, 200644,163June 30, 200744,163June 30, 200844,163June 30, 200944,163June 30, 2010349,901		Principal \$26,104 27,105 28,093 29,118 30,142 31,280 338,159	Balance \$483,897 456,792 428,699 399,581 369,439 338,159
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NOTE J: FIXED ASSETS

The township has established the cost of assets which it owns. The costs are actual or estimates from deeds, township minutes, insurance records and prior audit reports. The township has not adopted a depreciation policy. The fixed assets as of June 30, 2004 are as follows:

Land Buildings Truck Equipment	\$	52,724 913,492 14,387
Compactor and Recycling Station Township Park Township Hall Fire Hall Total		114,711 197,068 97,773 <u>404,076</u> 794,231
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GRAYLING TOWNSHIP BUDGETARY COMPARISON SCHEDULE GENERAL FUND YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2004

		ORIGINA BUDGE			NDED DGET		<u>ACTUAL</u>	١	ARIANCE WITH AMENDED BUDGET
Beginning of Year Fund Balance Resources		\$ 564,42	<u> 26</u>	\$ <u>5</u>	64,426	\$	<u>564,426</u>	\$	
Taxes and Penalties								•	
Taxes real & personal		\$ 142,00	10	\$ 14	12 222	•			
Penalties & interest on taxes		12,00			42,000 12,000	\$	148,738	\$	6,738
Trailer park fees		30			300		8,454 250		(3,546)
Payments in lieu of taxes		6,00			6,000		48,456		(50)
Tax Administration Fee		50,40	0	5	50,400		50,650		42,456
Total Taxes and penalties		<u>210,70</u>	<u>0</u>		0.700		<u>256,548</u>		<u>250</u> <u>45,848</u>
Licenses and Permits									
Building permits		45,00	3	1	5,000		55 744		
Electrical permits		13,000			3,000		55,741 16,075		10,741
Plumbing permits		4,500			4,500		16,075 6,454		3,075
Mechanical permits		8,000			8,000		12,636		1,954
Cable license		14.000			4.000		23,067		4,636
Total Licenses and Permits		84,500	<u>)</u>		4.500		<u>113.973</u>		<u>9.067</u> <u>29,473</u>
State Grants							•		
Michigan DNR park grant		154,000	,	15/	1,000		2.04.4		
State revenue sharing		459,100			9,100		3,914		(150,086)
Total State Grants		613.100	•		3,100		<u>433,775</u> <u>437,689</u>		(25,325)
Charges for Services							1011000		(175,411)
Summer tax collection									
Compactor station fees		34,900			,900		34,567		(333)
Fire Department Runs		60,000			,000		73,618		13,618
Filing fees		40,000			,000		4,000		(36,000)
Total Charges for Services		<u>5,000</u>			.000		<u>4,470</u>		(530)
		<u>139.900</u>		139	<u>.900</u>		<u>116,655</u>		(23,245)
Interest on investments		<u>15,000</u>		<u>15</u>	.000		3.932		(11,068)
Other									******
Recycling - County		8,500			500				
Recycling Sales					500		8,500		0
Special Assessments - Roads		3,500 71,100			500 100		9,462		5,962
Other		3,500			500		24,395		(46,705)
Ordinance enforcement fines		1,000			000		1,569		(1,931)
Total Other		<u>87.600</u>			600 600		0 <u>43,926</u>		(1,000)
Amounto Avoilable 6 A	_			7.1.1	440		70.320		(43,674)
Amounts Available for Appropriation	\$	1,715,226	\$	1,715,	226 \$	1.	537,149 \$		(178.077)

Charges to Appropriations		ORIGINAL BUDGET	_	AMENDEI BUDGET		ACTUAL		VA	ARIANCE WITH AMENDED BUDGET
General Government									
Trustee Fees	\$	2,500		¢ 2.50			_		
Supervisor	Ą	44,290		\$ 2,500		1,44		\$	1,055
Clerk		38,520		44,290		44,290			0
Computers / Information Technology		8,000		38,520		38,520			0
Board of Review		600		9,800		9,608			192
Other General Services				1,300		1,296			4
Treasurer		88,346		88,346		59,835			28,511
Assessor		27,419	l	28,869		28,865			4
Elections		44,391		44,391		42,044			2,347
Township Offices		77.050		900		867			33
Attorney & Court Fees		77,653		87,653		87,399	1		254
Cemetery		5,000		12,200		12,129			71
Total General Government		60,900		<u>60,900</u>		<u>45,402</u>			<u>15,498</u>
Total Ocheral Government		397,619		<u>419.669</u>		371,700			47,969
Public Safety									
Township Law Enforcement		00.000							
Fire Department		28,230		28,230		27,161			1,069
Inspection Department		158,081		205,874		171,993			33,881
Total Public Safety		53,271		<u>60,771</u>		<u>60,764</u>			7
rotal rubile Safety		<u>239,582</u>		<u>294,875</u>		<u>259,918</u>			34,957
Public Works									
Road Improvements		40 000		40.000					
Street Lighting		48,800		48,800		48,066			734
Compactor Station		7,000		7,000		5,422			1,578
Total Public Works		138.293		<u>148.293</u>		<u> 147,624</u>			<u>669</u>
Total Tubile Works		<u>194,093</u>		204.093		<u> 201,112</u>			2.981
Community and Economic Development									
Planning Commission		2 500		0 700					
Zoning Board		2,500		2,500		1,825			675
Contracted Services		2,500		2,500		2,450			50
		10.000		<u>10.000</u>		<u> 10.000</u>			<u>0</u>
Total Community and Economic Development	ι	<u>15,000</u>		<u>15,000</u>		<u>14,275</u>			<u>725</u>
Parks and Recreation									
Township Park		100 500		400 500					
Township Fair		<u>180,500</u>		<u>180,500</u>		<u>35,463</u>			<u>145.037</u>
Other									
Insurance and Bonds		40.000							
Medical Benefits		13,200		17,700		17,699			1
Retirement		61,000		73,000		71,584			1,416
		18,600		20,000		19,994			6
Social Security		23,000		24,250		24,242			8
Sick Pay		5,500		12,900		11,865			1,035
Unemployment		1,500		1,500		425			1,075
Transfers Out		<u>1,206</u>		<u>1,206</u>					1,206
Total Other		124,006		<u>150,556</u>		145,809			4.747
Total Charges to Appropriations	_	450 555							
Total Charges to Appropriations	<u>1.</u>	<u>150.800</u>		<u>1.264,693</u>	1	.028.277			<u>236,416</u>
Budgetary Fund Balance, June 30, 2004 \$	14	150 000\	ø	(4.004.000)	• •	200 0==			
Sudgetary Fund Balance, June 30, 2004 \$	<u> </u>	<u>150,800)</u>	\$	(1,264,693)	\$ <u>(1</u>	<u>.028,277)</u>	\$		<u>236,416</u>

GRAYLING TOWNSHIP BUDGETARY COMPARISON SCHEDULE IMPROVEMENT REVOLVING FUND YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2004

	ORIGINAL BUDGET	AMENDED BUDGET	<u>ACTUAL</u>	V	ARIANCE WITH AMENDED BUDGET
Beginning of Year Fund Balance	\$ 152602	\$ 152602	\$ 152602	\$	
Interest National Forest Roads Amounts Available for Appropriation	3000	3000	2815 3030		-185 3030
Amounts Available for Appropriation	<u>155602</u>	<u>155602</u>	158447		2845
Appropriations	0	0	0		0
Budgetary Fund Balance June 30, 2004	\$ <u>155602</u>	\$ <u>155602</u>	\$ <u>158447</u>	\$	<u>2845</u>

GRAYLING TOWNSHIP BUDGETARY COMPARISON SCHEDULE CAPITAL PROJECTS FUND YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2004

Beginning of Year Fund Balance	\$	ORIGINAL BUDGET 402,715	\$	AMENDED BUDGET 402,715	e	ACTUAL	ARIANCE WITH AMENDED BUDGET
Transfer from General Fund	Ť	22,455	Ψ	22,455	\$	402,715	\$
Amounts Available for Appropriation		425,170		425,170		402,715	(22,455) (22,455)
Appropriations Capital Outlay - Fire Hall		<u>425.170</u>		425,170		401,735	(23,435)
Budgetary Fund Balance June 30, 2004	\$	====	\$		\$	<u>980</u>	\$ <u>980</u>

GRAYLING TOWNSHIP BUDGETARY COMPARISON SCHEDULE LIQUOR LAW ENFORCEMENT FUND YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2004

	ORIGINAL BUDGET	AMENDED BUDGET	ACTUAL	RIANCE WITH AMENDED BUDGET
Beginning of Year Fund Balance	\$ 4,041	\$ 4,041	\$ 4,041	\$
State grants	1.700	1.700	<u>1.693</u>	(7)
Amounts Available for Appropriation	5,741	5,741	5,734	(7)
Appropriations Public Safety				(,,
Inspection Fees	<u>1.700</u>	<u>1.700</u>	1.080	(620)
Budgetary Fund Balance June 30, 2004	\$ <u>4,041</u>	\$ <u>4.041</u>	\$ 4.654	\$ <u>613</u>

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Grayling Township Board Grayling Township Grayling, Mi. 49738

Dear Township Officials:



As a result of my audit of the financial statements of the Township of Grayling, I would like to make the following recommendations for your consideration.

The statements were prepared by presenting the minimum requirements of the Michigan Department of Treasury. Government Wide Statements were not included as required by GASB 34 adopted by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board which prescribes governmental accounting standards. The township did not prepare the Management's Discussion and Analysis to be included in the audit report. I recommend the Township Board decide whether the adoption of the Governmental Wide Statements and the Management's Discussion and Analysis would be beneficial and informative for future reporting purposes.

The township clerk has researched the cost of the townships assets and has identified which year major assets were acquired. The cost of assets of the Fire Department has been obtained from the City of Grayling. The township owns 50% of these assets. The township board should adopt a depreciation policy for these assets. This would complete the accounting process necessary to conform to the GASB requirements.

The township has never charged each department for its share of employee payroll taxes, employee fringe benefits, workmens compensation, and general insurance. Again GASB 34 requires the expenses be allocated to the departments. I strongly recommend the township adopt a plan to allocate these expenses and amend the budgets of each department as necessary.

I found several errors in the special assessment rolls for street lighting and road maintenance. I recommend that a procedure be adopted to review the assessor's roll before the township bills are mailed to insure the totals agree to the special assessment roll as adopted by the township board.

I would like to discuss in greater detail the above recommendations and suggest that a workshop with the township board and myself be established.

Sincerely,

Muckey Perez, C.P.A.
Mickey Perez, CPA